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**Schletter to Create 305 Jobs in Cleveland County**  
*Manufacturing Company Poised to Thrive in North Carolina*

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that Schletter, Inc., one of the largest designers and manufacturers of solar power mounting systems, will establish a production and distribution facility in Shelby. The company plans to create 305 jobs in North Carolina by the end of 2016, and invest more than \$27 million in its Cleveland County facility. The project was made possible in part by state grants from the Job Development Investment Grant and the One North Carolina Fund.

“Companies like Schletter recognize that North Carolina is a great place for businesses to thrive because of our top-notch business climate and incredibly well-trained workforce,” said Gov. Perdue. “We’re going to continue leveraging North Carolina’s tremendous assets as we keep working to expand jobs here.”

Schletter is an internationally recognized manufacturer of a diverse product mix including solar mounting systems for small to utility scale applications, waste management solutions, and customized bracket manufacturing. Since 2008 the company has been manufacturing its photovoltaic mounting systems in the U.S. Schletter, with its only U.S. production facility in Arizona, currently supplies 25 percent of all solar mounting systems produced and delivered in the U.S.

“We’re excited to offer our customers improved delivery and service options by opening our second U.S. manufacturing facility and new U.S. corporate headquarters in Shelby, North Carolina,” stated Martin Hausner, President of Schletter Inc.

“The decision to locate a manufacturing facility in North Carolina was primarily based on providing improved services for our East Coast customers; faster delivery of our products, and